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SECDEF FOR ASD:ISA/DSAA, DA FOR DAMO-SSA, USASAC FOR
DRSAC-ME/SE, CINCEUR FOR ECJ4/7-SA, DIA FOR AH4

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, MPOL, AU
SUBJECT: AUSTRIAN PURCHASE OF M60 TANKS

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1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY A RELIABLE SOURCE IN THE
AUSTRIAN DEFENSE MINISTRY THAT A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF
THE DEFENSE MINISTER WILL TRAVEL TO ITALY IN EARLY SEPT TO
DISCUSS A POSSIBLE PURCHASE OF M60 TANKS FROM THAT COUNTRY.
WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED ALSO THAT THE ITALIANS HAVE INDICATED
TO THE AUSTRIAN DEFENSE MINISTER THAT THEY ARE READY TO
PRESENT AN OFFER CONCERNING SUCH A PURCHASE AND THAT THE
OFFER CONTAINS SOME FORM OF ECONOMIC COMPENSATION.

2. AS ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE AWARE, THE USG HAS BEEN ASKED
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BY THE AUSTRIAN DEFENSE MINISTER FOR LETTERS OF OFFER ON
TWO VERSIONS OF THE M60 TANK AND USG HAS INDICATED THE
LETTERS, IF APPROVED, WILL NOT BE OFFERED FOR SIGNATURE
BEFORE OCT78 BECAUSE OF TIME NEEDED FOR CONGRESSIONAL
NOTIFICATION.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY RELEVANT INFORMATION ON

THIS MATTER. SPECIFICALLY, IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR US TO
KNOW:

A) IF ITALY HAS APPROACHED THE USG FOR APPROVAL TO SELL
M60 TANKS TO AUSTRIA;

B) WHAT STATE/DEFENSE POSITION WOULD BE ON SUCH A SALE;

C) IS SECSTATE/SECDEF AWARE OF ANY ECONOMIC COMPENSATION
PROPOSAL INCLUDED IN SUCH AN OFFER;

D) WHAT, IF ANY, ACTIONS WOULD BE REQUIRED OF THIS EMBASSY
IN THE EVENT AUSTRIA DECIDES TO PURCHASE THE M60 TANKS FROM
ITALY.

4. REQUEST YOUR ASSISTANCE IN PROVIDING WHATEVER
INFORMATION YOU HAVE ON THIS MATTER. WOLF

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